

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 16, 2008, there were 519,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2008, an increase of 4,700 from July 2008 and 15,100 more than the number employed in August 2007.

Agricultural employment was 44,200 persons in August 2008, down 100 from the July 2008 level and 2,700 less than the August 2007 agricultural employment level of 46,700. Non-agricultural employment was 475,400 persons in August 2008. This is an increase of 4,800 from the July 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 470,600 and 17,800 more than August 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2008 was 5.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the July 2008 rate of 4.8 percent but 0.1 percentage points lower than the August 2007 level of 5.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 8,700 to 549,400 persons in August 2008 from 540,700 persons in July 2008. This is 15,300 more than the August 2007 labour force of 534,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.0 percentage points to 71.4 percent in August 2008 from 70.4 percent in July 2008. The August 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.0 percent.

There were 29,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2008. This is an increase of 4,000 from July 2008 and is 200 more than the number unemployed in August 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 511,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2008, up 6,100 from the July 2008 level of 505,400 and is up 14,800 from the August 2007 employment level of 496,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2008 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the July 2008 rate of 4.4 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the August 2007 rate of 4.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 26,000 persons in August 2008 to 17,391,900 persons from 17,417,900 persons in July 2008. In August 2007, there were 17,173,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 6.5 percent from the July 2008 level of 6.3 percent. In August 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in August 2008. This unchanged from July 2008 but 0.1 percentage points higher than the August 2007 level of 6.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2008	July 2008	August 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,602.6	18,588.1	18,342.9	14.5	259.7
Employed ('000)	17,391.9	17,417.9	17,173.5	-26.0	218.4
Full-Time ('000)	14,668.6	14,630.5	14,523.1	38.1	145.5
Part-Time ('000)	2,723.3	2,787.4	2,650.4	-64.1	72.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,210.7	1,170.1	1,169.3	40.6	41.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.3	6.4	0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.1	6.0	0.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.0	69.0	0.0	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	549.4	540.7	534.1	8.7	15.3
Employed ('000)	519.6	514.9	504.5	4.7	15.1
Full-Time ('000)	443.7	441.6	430.5	2.1	13.2
Part-Time ('000)	75.9	73.3	74.0	2.6	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	29.8	25.8	29.6	4.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.8	5.5	0.6	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.4	4.8	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	70.4	71.0	1.0	0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,118.0	2,119.7	2,076.6	-1.7	41.4
Employed ('000)	2,032.5	2,039.5	1,995.0	-7.0	37.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,764.3	1,762.2	1,734.8	2.1	29.5
Part-Time ('000)	268.2	277.3	260.2	-9.1	8.0
Unemployed ('000)	85.5	80.3	81.6	5.2	3.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.8	3.9	0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.5	3.6	3.6	-0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	75.5	75.7	75.4	-0.2	0.1
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	643.0	642.6	634.6	0.4	8.4
Employed ('000)	612.3	617.5	603.3	-5.2	9.0
Full-Time ('000)	514.5	516.2	505.4	-1.7	9.1
Part-Time ('000)	97.8	101.4	98.0	-3.6	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	30.7	25.0	31.3	5.7	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	3.9	4.9	0.9	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	3.8	4.2	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.6	70.5	0.0	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2
SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2008	July 2008	August 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	549.4	540.7	534.1	8.7	15.3
Male	294.3	292.4	289.2	1.9	5.1
Female	255.2	248.3	244.9	6.9	10.3
15-24 Years of Age	112.4	112.5	107.7	-0.1	4.7
25+ Years of age	437.0	428.2	426.4	8.8	10.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	519.6	514.9	504.5	4.7	15.1
Male	281.3	280.0	277.5	1.3	3.8
Female	238.3	234.9	227.1	3.4	11.2
15-24 Years of Age	103.8	102.0	100.0	1.8	3.8
25+ Years of age	415.8	412.9	404.5	2.9	11.3
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	29.8	25.8	29.6	4.0	0.2
Male	13.0	12.5	11.8	0.5	1.2
Female	16.9	13.4	17.8	3.5	-0.9
15-24 Years of Age	8.6	10.5	7.7	-1.9	0.9
25+ Years of age	21.3	15.4	21.9	5.9	-0.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.4	4.8	5.5	0.6	-0.1
Male	4.4	4.3	4.1	0.1	0.3
Female	6.6	5.4	7.3	1.2	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	7.7	9.3	7.1	-1.6	0.6
25+ Years of age	4.9	3.6	5.1	1.3	-0.2
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.4	70.4	71.0	1.0	0.4
Male	77.6	77.2	77.9	0.4	-0.3
Female	65.5	63.8	64.3	1.7	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	80.5	80.6	78.2	-0.1	2.3
25+ Years of age	69.4	68.1	69.4	1.3	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>July 2008</u>	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	44.2	44.3	46.9	-0.1	-2.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.6	25.6	21.5	1.0	5.1
Utilities	5.2	5.7	4.5	-0.5	0.7
Construction	40.4	39.2	37.4	1.2	3.0
Manufacturing	32.0	31.2	34.2	0.8	-2.2
Trade	83.2	83.2	81.5	0.0	1.7
Transportation and Warehousing	22.1	23.0	24.4	-0.9	-2.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.1	28.9	27.3	1.2	2.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	22.4	20.5	20.0	1.9	2.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.3	11.4	12.8	-0.1	-1.5
Educational Services	28.0	27.2	30.3	0.8	-2.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	64.8	65.7	60.8	-0.9	4.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.9	22.0	22.2	-1.1	-1.3
Accommodation and Food Services	33.2	34.0	29.3	-0.8	3.9
Other Services	24.2	22.9	21.8	1.3	2.4
Public Administration	31.1	30.1	29.4	1.0	1.7
Total	519.6	514.9	504.5	4.7	15.1
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	443.7	441.6	430.5	2.1	13.2
Part-Time	75.9	73.3	74.0	2.6	1.9
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	423.9	420.8	412.3	3.1	11.6
Public Sector	121.6	121.3	118.1	0.3	3.5
Private Sector	302.3	299.5	294.2	2.8	8.1
Self-Employed	95.7	94.1	92.2	1.6	3.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>July 2008</u>	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,391.9	17,417.9	17,173.5	-26.0	218.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	233.4	240.1	230.9	-6.7	2.5
Prince Edward Island	76.5	74.5	75.1	2.0	1.4
Nova Scotia	463.3	469.9	456.6	-6.6	6.7
New Brunswick	381.9	382.4	378.8	-0.5	3.1
Quebec	3,938.1	3,970.9	3,938.8	-32.8	-0.7
Ontario	6,787.2	6,758.2	6,699.2	29.0	88.0
Manitoba	612.3	617.5	603.3	-5.2	9.0
Saskatchewan	519.6	514.9	504.5	4.7	15.1
Alberta	2,032.5	2,039.5	1,995.0	-7.0	37.5
British Columbia	2,347.0	2,350.1	2,291.3	-3.1	55.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.5	6.3	6.4	0.2	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.6	11.2	12.8	1.4	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	7.7	9.3	7.9	-1.6	-0.2
Nova Scotia	7.9	6.5	8.4	1.4	-0.5
New Brunswick	8.4	8.5	7.9	-0.1	0.5
Quebec	7.5	6.8	7.0	0.7	0.5
Ontario	7.0	7.2	7.0	-0.2	0.0
Manitoba	4.8	3.9	4.9	0.9	-0.1
Saskatchewan	5.4	4.8	5.5	0.6	-0.1
Alberta	4.0	3.8	3.9	0.2	0.1
British Columbia	4.9	4.8	4.5	0.1	0.4

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS
(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Jun-Aug 2008</u>	<u>May-Jul 2008</u>	<u>Jun-Aug 2007</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.8	8.0	6.6	-0.2	1.2
Halifax	5.8	5.8	6.2	0.0	-0.4
Saint John	7.1	6.8	5.2	0.3	1.9
Quebec	4.1	4.4	4.2	-0.3	-0.1
Montreal	7.3	7.2	6.9	0.1	0.4
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.3	5.7	0.1	-0.3
Greater Sudbury	5.6	5.2	6.3	0.4	-0.7
Toronto	7.7	7.6	7.7	0.1	0.0
Winnipeg	4.4	4.1	4.4	0.3	0.0
Regina	4.2	3.7	6.2	0.5	-2.0
Saskatoon	4.6	4.5	4.8	0.1	-0.2
Calgary	3.6	3.3	3.2	0.3	0.4
Edmonton	3.6	3.9	4.1	-0.3	-0.5
Vancouver	4.5	4.4	4.2	0.1	0.3
Victoria	3.7	3.3	4.1	0.4	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.6	155.9	147.5	-0.3	8.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.1	54.4	54.7	-0.3	-0.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	171.3	170.2	167.8	1.1	3.5
Yorkton-Melville	39.5	38.5	42.5	1.0	-3.0
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	98.8	95.1	-0.8	2.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Jun-Aug 2008</u>	<u>May-Jul 2008</u>	<u>Jun-Aug 2007</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	541.7	538.4	532.0	3.3	9.7
Employed ('000)	516.4	516.0	506.4	0.4	10.0
Unemployed ('000)	25.3	22.4	25.6	2.9	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.2	4.8	0.5	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.2	70.8	0.3	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.2	67.3	67.4	-0.1	-0.2
NON-aboriginal					
Labour Force ('000)	501.8	499.8	492.8	2.0	9.0
Employed ('000)	482.2	483.1	472.9	-0.9	9.3
Unemployed ('000)	19.7	16.8	19.9	2.9	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.4	4.0	0.5	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	70.8	71.3	0.2	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	68.2	68.5	68.4	-0.3	-0.2
aboriginal					
Labour Force ('000)	39.9	38.6	39.2	1.3	0.7
Employed ('000)	34.3	32.9	33.5	1.4	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	5.6	5.7	5.7	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.1	14.7	14.5	-0.6	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	63.0	65.5	2.1	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	53.8	56.0	2.1	-0.1
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.3	16.8	16.6	0.5	0.7
Employed ('000)	13.9	13.5	13.5	0.4	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.4	19.4	18.6	0.0	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	62.4	60.7	61.0	1.7	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	50.3	48.9	49.6	1.4	0.7
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Labour Force ('000)	22.5	21.6	22.6	0.9	-0.1
Employed ('000)	20.2	19.2	20.0	1.0	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.3	2.4	2.6	-0.1	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	11.2	11.5	-1.1	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	64.8	69.2	2.5	-1.9
Employment Rate (%)	60.5	57.6	61.3	2.9	-0.8

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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